No. 18605—R. F. 176-92, DATED 10th MAY 1893.

Tenders are hereby invited for the exclusive privilege of the wholesale vend of ganja and any preparation thereof, except halva, throughout the Territories of Mysore, exclusive of the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore.

2. The contract will be for four years from 1st July 1893 to 30th June 1897.

3. Every tender must specify the minimum annual revenue which the tenderer will guarantee to Government, and shall be for one lump sum inclusive of local cess for the whole Province. No tender which guarantees to Government less than a minimum annual revenue of Rs. 8,000 including local cess, will be considered. Every tender must be accompanied by a deposit of Rs. 200 in cash, and enclosed in a cover superscribed with the words "Tender for the exclusive privilege of wholesale vend of ganja and any preparation thereof, except halva, for all the Districts of the Mysore Province, excluding the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore."

4. The tenders must be delivered at the Excise Commissioner's Office at Bangalore on or before the noon of the 10th June 1893, when they will be opened by the Excise Commissioner in the presence of such of the applicants as may be present. The applicant whose tender may be selected by the Excise Commissioner for recommendation to Government, will be required to deposit at once in cash, or in Government securities duly endorsed in favor of "the Dewan of Mysore," a further sum equal to one-twelfth (or one month's instalment) of the annual amount guaranteed, failing which the deposit made with the tender, will be forfeited, and the contract otherwise disposed of at the sole risk of the tenderer who shall not be entitled to share in any increase which may thereby accrue.

5. When the decision of the Government is announced, the deposits made by the applicants whose tenders have been rejected, will be returned to them on application. The Government reserves to itself the power of rejecting the highest or any tender without assigning any reason.

6. The party whose tender may be accepted, shall, within 8 days after the Government decision has been communicated to him, deposit in the State Huzur Treasury a sum in cash, or Government securities duly endorsed in favor of "the Dewan of Mysore," which, with the sums previously deposited under para 4, shall be equal to one-fourth of the yearly revenue guaranteed, and shall execute an agreement in the prescribed form, on proper stamp, binding himself to conform to the conditions hereinafter set forth; and if he fails or refuses to sign the agreement, or to make the deposit required, the deposits already made, will be forfeited to Government, and the contract otherwise disposed of. No tender proposing any modification of any of the terms of this Notification, will be considered.

7. The contract for which tenders are now invited, shall be subject to the following conditions namely:—

Conditions.

I. The contract shall not be transferable without the previous sanction of the Excise Commissioner, subject to the approval of the Mysore Government.

II. For the purposes of this contract, Government may decline to recognize any representative, agent or partner appointed or taken by the contractors during the period of the contract, unless such representative, agent or partner shall have been first approved of by the Excise Commissioner for the time being.

III (A) The minimum amount guaranteed shall be payable to Government in 12 equal monthly instalments on or before the 20th of each month.

(B) The contractor shall pay into the Taluk Treasuries of the State or into the Bangalore District Treasury fees on wholesale sales of ganja and preparations thereof at the rates prescribed by Government and mentioned in para VIII following. If the total amount of fees accruing on the wholesale sales of ganja and its preparations at the rates above mentioned, be not sufficient in any month to make up the instalment of the guaranteed amount for that month, the contractor shall pay such further amount as may be required to make up the deficiency. On the other hand, if the said fees exceed the said instalment, the excess shall be available to make up the deficiency in any other month of the same official year, this deficiency being adjusted by short payment into the Treasury when the khist for the month is tendered to the extent of such *net* excess sales as may be available when such khist fell due. If the sum available is at any time more than sufficient to make up the deficiency to which it has been applied, the surplus thus accruing shall be paid into the Bangalore District Treasury alone with the instalment of the month in which such surplus was realised.

(C) In case of default in the payment of any of the instalments as aforesaid up to the 15th of the month following that for which it is due, interest at 6 per cent per annum shall be payable in addition; and with the sanction of Government, it shall be lawful, for the Excise Commissioner, to declare the deposit forfeited, to order the contract to be taken under Government management, or to declare the lease forfeited and to dispose of it otherwise at the contractor's risk and loss, and further to recover all arrears together with the loss of revenue entailed on Government by such disposal, by the attachment and sale of his property, personal or real, including cash at Wholesale Depôts, in accordance with the rules relating to the recovery of arrears of land revenue.

IV. The Excise Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner of each District shall be at liberty on good and valid grounds existing therefor, to make any alterations in the number and localities of the shops that he may from time to time consider necessary, or to close any shop without any claims for compensation on the part of the contractor.

V. The contractor shall sell ganja and its preparations only to licensed vendors, and shall not interfere with retail vendors in any way.

VI. The ganja and majum and other preparations thereof sold, shall be of good quality, not black or old, or such as may have lost medicinal virtues, and must be without stalks and seeds which should be removed before issue to retail vendors, or equivalent weight of good ganja given for such stalks and seeds when returned by retail vendors, and must not be adulterated. Powdered ganja to the extent of 5 per cent only shall be taken by the vendors. Such powdered ganja may be made up by the retail vendors into *halva*. The contractor shall always keep on hand not less than one month's supply of ganja at each Wholesale Depôt and two months' stock (exclusive of the stock at depôts) at the Provincial Head-quarters Depôt at the Bangalore Distillery.

VII. All ganja and its preparations transferred from a Wholesale Depôt in one District, to a Wholesale Depôt in another District, shall be covered by a Transport Pass in the prescribed form, and when sent from one Wholesale Depôt to another in the same District, they shall be covered by the "Contractor's Pass" in the prescribed form; and the conditions of such Passes shall not be infringed; and the number and date thereon shall be duly quoted in the depôt account against the entry of receipts in the depôt registers. Those sold at the depôt to retail vendors, shall be covered by a Permit in the prescribed form signed by the contractor or his authorized agent, the conditions whereof shall not be infringed.

VIII. The fees inclusive of local cess on the wholesale vend, payable to Government, and rates of prices for the wholesale and retail vend of ganja and majum, per seer of 24 tolas, are fixed as specified below for the whole Province:—

	Rates of fee payable to Govt. on Wholesale vend.	Wholesale price.	Retail price.
	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
Ganja per seer of 24 tolas	0 6 0	0 10 0	0 13 0
Majum or any other preparation of ganja (except halva) per seer of 24 tolas...	0 2 0	0 4 0	0 6 0

IX. The Deputy Commissioner shall have power to close any particular shop or shops, on the requisition of the Military Authorities or Magistracy, temporarily or permanently, and the contractor shall not be entitled to any compensation therefor. But with the approval of the Excise Commissioner, the number so reduced, might, if the public requirements demand it, be re-established in other adjacent towns or villages.

X. No fee shall be levied for licenses for the retail vend of ganja except in the Cities of Bangalore and Mysore, where a fee of three rupees per mensem shall be charged for each license. Licenses for the vend of opium shall be granted free to vendors holding ganja licenses, and *vice versa*.

XI. The Excise Commissioner in Mysore may permit the contractor to import ganja from beyond the Territories of Mysore under "Import passes" to be issued by him in communication with the authorities of the District from which the article is to be imported, and such drugs, with the passes granted, shall be duly brought to book first at the Provincial Head-quarters Depôt at the Bangalore Government Central Distillery, ere it is utilized or transferred to the Wholesale Depôts. To obviate complications in accounts, the stock of drugs sent to one District shall, as far as possible, be sold in that District.

XII. The contractor shall keep at the Bangalore Distillery and render a true and correct account of all cash transactions and of ganja cultivated and drugs manufactured and bought and sold at the Wholesale Depôts, to the Excise Commissioner, monthly, and allow the officers of the Excise Department free access always to all the accounts kept by the contractor, which shall be true and accurate, and in the prescribed forms. And for the purposes of this contract, the contractor shall open an account showing in detail the prime cost of the drug, cost of carriage by cart and rail, other charges, if any, and total cost of drugs per maund. The number and date of transport or import passes shall be quoted, and each item duly vouched for with original receipts, &c., duly numbered. The cost of establishment, contingencies, &c., shall also be given monthly *in detail*. A copy of this account shall be furnished to the Excise Commissioner monthly, and the original accounts with vouchers shall be kept at the Provincial Head-quarters Depôt at the Bangalore Distillery.

XIII. Disorderly conduct and irregular transactions at the Wholesale Depôts shall not be permitted by the contractor's agents or employés. The Wholesale Depôts shall be provided, at the contractor's cost, with correct scales and weights, duly stamped by Government; and further, all such employés shall, 15 days after the agreement is signed by the contractor, enter into engagements with the contractor to abide by the spirit and letter of the conditions entered into by the contractor with Government, and of the laws and rules in force, and such engagements shall be deposited for each District in the Deputy Commissioner's Office without delay. Such employés shall take out wholesale licenses if employed to sell the drugs, and sign permits for the contractor. With the permission of the Government Arrack carriage contractor, all Mutsaddis in charge of Bonded Depôts and with the consent of the Arrack Vend renters all Mutsaddis in charge of Farm Depôts may be employed as wholesale ven-

dors of ganja and its preparations, and paid such commission on the sales as shall be fixed by the Excise Commissioner, not exceeding one anna per seer sold, by them. All ganja and majum remaining on hand on the 1st July 1893 at the Head-quarters Depôt and all Wholesale Depôts, if of good quality and fit for use, shall be taken over by the contractor at an average rate of price struck on the rate entered in the accounts kept by the out-going contractor, on the value of the drugs so transferred. Similarly the contractor shall take over all scales and weights at the Head-quarters and other depôts, if correct and in good order, at a valuation to be fixed by the Excise Commissioner. The contractor shall be liable similarly to make over on the determination of his contract unsold stock in hand and scales and weights to his successor in the lease.

XIV. The contractor shall conform to the rules now in force, or any additional rules which may be prescribed from time to time by the Government, not inconsistent with the terms of this notification. Information on any other matters in connection with this contract, will be afforded at the Excise Commissioner's Office.

XV. The contractor shall be at liberty to raise his own ganja on applying for and obtaining a Government patta to be granted by the Amildar, the conditions whereof shall be strictly adhered to, or to purchase it from raiyats permitted to raise it.

XVI. For any infringement of the above conditions, the contractor shall be liable to a fine not exceeding Rs. 500 to be levied at the discretion of the Excise Commissioner, and to the forfeiture of the contract, with the approval of Government, if deemed necessary, and to such further penalties as are prescribed by the laws in force for breaches thereof or of the rules framed by Government.

8. The quantity and *value of ganja sold and the excess sales over and above the minimum guaranteed amount effected in 1891-92 and during ten months of the current year, and the minimum guaranteed amount for 1892-93, are noted below :—

1891-92.								Ten months of 1892-93, April 1892 to January 1893.									
Ganja.		Majum.		Total Value.	Minimum amount guaranteed.	Excess sales.		Ganja.		Majum.		Total Value.	Minimum guaranteed amount for 1892-93.	Excess sales.	No. of existing Depôts.	No. of existing Retail shops.	Remarks.
Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.					Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.						
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* NOTE.—Value calculated at the rate of 6 annas for ganja and 2 annas for majum per seer of 24 tolas.

The 13th May 1893.

No. 19052—G. 4638.—It is hereby notified for general information that the name of the village "Paradesipatna" in the Mandikal Hobli of the Chikballapur Taluk, Kolar District, is hereby changed to "Ramapatna."

No. 19054—G. 4636.—Under Article 172 of the Mysore Service Regulations, J. Srinivas Rao, Amildar of the Challakere Taluk, was granted casual leave of absence for 15 days from 10th March 1893.

No. 19188—G. 4673.—Under Article 171 of the Mysore Service Regulations, Narasinga Rao, Deputy Amildar of Hosdurga Sub-Taluk, was granted casual leave of absence for 2 days from the 12th instant